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1. Twelve to fifteen jet fighters were standing at the eastern edge of Brandenburg-Briest (N 53/2 13) airfield on 11 October 1950. Four to six jet fighters were on the runway. Ten other jet fighters covered with camouflage tarpaulins, three twin-engine transports, and 10 to 15 single-engine planes were at the southern edge of the field. (1) Details of the planes could not be discerned because of the distance.

2. Two jet fighters took off at 11:30 a.m.; ten other jet fighters which had previously been north of the runway took off about 1 p.m. The weather was gusty but visibility was good. No aircraft were observed landing during the period ending at 5 p.m.

3. Seven railroad tank cars were being pushed to the airfield by a switching engine.

4. Obstacle lights and other airfield lighting facilities were not observed. Local residents said that searchlights were used at night to illuminate the airfield for the frequent night flights conducted there. There was no change in the status of the radio stations located at the field. A new radio station was on the western bank of the Havel River, at the edge of a woods, 300 meters east of the Plaue (N 53/2 13) - Nitzahn (N 53/2 13) field way. (3) This radio station had four poles set up in a square. The poles were as high as the trees and there was a small tent in the center of the square. A larger tent for personnel and a pit covered by a wooden roof, probably containing the power unit, was seen near the tent in the center. A cable led across the Havel River to the radio station at the southern edge of the field.

5. Medium or heavy AA guns were still emplaced near the Rosenhof estate. (4) There was little motor vehicle traffic.

On several days [redacted] was seen at the Brandenburg railroad station picking up mail; it was occupied by air force and by artillery soldiers.

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) Confirms the presence of a fighter regiment equipped with MIG-15 type aircraft. The type of the single-engine planes cannot be determined. Conventional piston fighters have not been seen recently in Brandenburg-Briest. It is therefore believed that these planes, possibly ground attack aircraft, were temporarily stationed in Brandenburg-Briest.

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- (3) This radio station, believed to be an Adcock DF station, was reported for the first time.

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- (4) This AA gun emplacement was previously reported [redacted]

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